

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2003

Mr. COLE (for himself and _____) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the countries of France, Germany, and Russia can initially best contribute to the reconstruction of Iraq by the forgiveness of outstanding debt between both Iraq and France, Iraq and Germany, and Iraq and Russia.

Whereas the countries of France, Germany, and Russia have expressed a willingness and interest in assisting with the reconstruction of Iraq;

Whereas the countries of France and Germany previously encouraged debt relief as a matter of assisting other nation states;

Whereas both the countries of France and Germany have previously contributed to debt relief in the World Bank's program for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries;

Whereas the countries of France, Germany and Russia have administered a system of liberal export controls that allowed for the exportation of sensitive technologies to Iraq;

Whereas the countries of France, Germany and Russia possess a developed trade relationship with Iraq; and

Whereas the countries of France, Germany, and Russia possess a mutual relationship of friendship with the United States and, in this spirit, have offered to assist in Iraq's

reconstruction: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the countries of
2 France, Germany and Russia—

3 (1) should work with the World Bank, the European Union, and other
4 multinational organizations to build a debt forgiveness program for Iraq to aid in
5 matters concerning its reconstruction;

6 (2) work in conjunction with the United Nations to ensure that other
7 countries recognize their role in economically supporting a terroristic regime in
8 Iraq;

9 (3) recognize the responsibility that France, Germany and Russia bear for
10 the transfer of technology to a terroristic regime in Iraq;

11 (4) work to build stronger internal export controls to ensure that militarily
12 valuable technology will no longer be exported to terroristic regimes thus creating
13 similar future debts;

14 (5) acknowledge the role that Iraq's current debt could play in hindering
15 its reconstruction;

16 (6) educate their populace as to the importance of debt forgiveness in
17 assisting in the reconstruction of Iraq; and

18 (7) create a governmentally administered debt forgiveness program to
19 assist Iraq in its reconstruction.